1	2	3	4	5
2000-2001	Department of Archaeology & Museums, Mysore	4,00,000 2,20,000/-		(i) Computer Hardware (ii) Documentation
2001-2002	Government Museum, Bangalore	1,90,00,000 15,00,000/-		Renovation and modernisation of Galleries
2002-2003	No proposal has been received from the Karnataka Government during this year.			

Funds allocated for tourism projects in Rajasthan

1768. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds are provided to State Governments for tourism related projects including budget accommodation every year;

(b) if so, the year-wise fund released to Rajasthan during the last two years; and

(c) the names of projects for which it was given?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Tourism projects including works on budget accommodation are identified in consultation with State Govemments/UT Administrations and sanctioned on merits subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority.

(b) and (c) The details of projects sanctioned in Rajasthan during the last two years are as under:—

SI. No.	Project	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3
1.	2001-02	2.50
2.	Handicraft and Food Festival at Mumbai	2.50
	Handicraft and Food Festival at Baroda	

1	2	3
	2002-03	
1.	SEL Show at Kumbhalgarh	195.00
2.	SEL Show at Chittorgarh	206.10
3.	General Lighting at Kumbhalgarh	33.60
4.	Lok Rang Festival	5.00
5.	Jaipur Heritage Week	15.00
6.	Integrated development of Jaipur-Jodhpur-Jaisalmer-Bikaner-Shekhawati Tourist Circuit	644.00

Arrival of foreign tourists

†1769. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the States which are visited by maximum number of foreign tourists;

(b) whether there has been a decline in the number of foreign tourists during the last three years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the scheme worked out by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) A fairly good number of foreign tourists visited Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Goa, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal in the year 2002.

(b) The foreign tourist arrivals to India during the years 2000, 2001 and 2002 are 2.65 million, 2.54 million and 2.36 million respectively. However, a growth rate of 12.5% has been recorded during the period October, 2002 to June, 2003 as compared to the same period of the previous years.

(c) The tourist traffic in the year 2001 and 2002 declined due to a number of reasons including overall global economic downtrend, September 11 incident in the USA, war in Afghanistan, terrorist attack on Indian Parliament, tension on Indo-Pak border and the travel advisories issued by a number of foreign Governments.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.